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Willamina Celebrates Fourth of July and Nation's 250th Anniversary

Patriotic pride filled Willamina on Saturday as residents and visitors gathered to celebrate Independence Day and the nation's 250th birthday with a full day of community festivities.

From the morning Kiwanis breakfast and community 5K to the Logging Show, Car Show, vendors, and other activities throughout town, the celebration offered something for every age before culminating with the annual parade and fireworks display.

play.

An Oregon Air National Guard flyover added to the patriotic atmosphere as festivities continued throughout the day.

As evening approached, spectators lined Main Street from Northeast Oaken Hills Drive to Southeast Ad-ams Street for the parade, which once again served as the centerpiece of the celebration. Decorated floats, classic and custom vehicles, horses, tractors, youth organizations,

businesses, and community groups made their way through town as children collected candy and families cheered from the side-walks.

Judges recognized outstanding entries in several parade categories. This year's winners are pictured with this article.

The celebration concluded with the annual fireworks display, ending another successful Fourth of July and a day that

showcased the traditions, volunteers, and community spirit that continue to make Willamina's celebration a local favorite.

Readers will find additional coverage of the Fourth of July celebration throughout this week's edition, including the Logging Show, Car Show, community competitions, parade highlights, and a photo collage showcasing activities and moments from downtown Willamina.



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Answers from July 1 issue

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- 2) Out of many, one
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- 4) Delaware
- 5) Route 20, which stretches from Boston to Newport, OR
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- 7) John D. Rockefeller, the founder of Standard Oil
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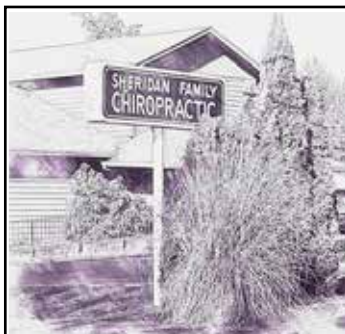
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Obituaries



Robert (Bob) Lyle Lambert
June 15, 1942- June 22, 2026

With heavy hearts, we announce that Robert (Bob) Lyle Lambert peacefully passed away on June 22, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. He was born on June 15, 1942, in Dallas, Oregon, to Marvin and Verna Lambert.

Bob spent his childhood growing up on the family property on Gooseneck Road, where he developed the strong work ethic and love of the outdoors that would remain with him throughout his life. In 1960, he proudly joined the United States Navy, serving aboard several ships, with the USS Turner Joy always holding a special place in his heart.

After completing his military service, Bob took a trip to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, with a friend in June 1965. It was there that he met the love of his life, Sandra Lucille Robison. Sandra returned to Oregon with him, and the two were married on October 16, 1965. Together they built a beautiful life, sharing nearly 61 years of love, laughter, and unwavering devotion while raising three beloved children.

Following his service to his country, Bob dedicated his career to the logging industry. He worked as a choker setter and timber cutter for Don Cranfill before joining Hampton Lumber, where he retired in 2012 as a log marker in the log yard. He took great pride in his work and in providing for his family.

Bob found joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved crafting keychains from wood knots he discovered on logs, tending to his roses, making porcelain dolls alongside Sandra, baking his famous cinnamon rolls and pies, reading Western novels, riding his Harley, and trying his luck with a scratch-off lottery ticket. Of all the things Bob loved, nothing

brought him greater happiness than spending a day fishing on the Siletz River with his son, always wearing his lucky blue sweater.

Those who knew Bob will remember a man whose generosity knew no bounds. He was always looking for ways to brighten someone's day, whether by sharing his delicious smoked salmon, surprising his granddaughter with flowers, making sure a new coworker had what they needed, or delighting family and friends with one of his magic tricks. He gave freely of his time, his talents, and his heart, asking for little in return. Bob's pride in serving his country never faded. After retirement, he felt called to give back to his fellow veterans by helping create a lasting place of honor in his community. He devoted countless hours organizing and helping establish the Veterans Memorial on Main Street in Sheridan with the Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Association. It was a labor of love that reflected his deep respect for those who served.

Bob will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather and great-grandfather, loyal friend, and a man of quiet strength, kindness, and unwavering generosity. His love was often shown through simple acts of service, a warm smile, a thoughtful gift, or time spent with those he loved. His presence made life richer for everyone, fortunate enough to know him.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife, Sandra Lambert; his children, Anna (Brandt), Rebecca (Jerry), and Thomas Lambert; his siblings, Verna, Cheryl (Carl), Jane, and John; his grandchildren, Lyle, Gavin, Taylor (Keith), Mason, and James (Maryha); and his cherished great-grandchildren, McKenzie, Liam, and Brooklynn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Verna Lambert; his siblings, Roy and Violet; his nephews, Rodger and Matthew; and his precious great-granddaughter, Madilynn.

While our hearts are heavy with his loss, we find comfort in the life Bob lived and the love he gave so freely. His kindness, quiet strength, and generous spirit will continue to live on through his family, his friends, and everyone whose life was made brighter because of him.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.



Earl Harnden
Feb. 9, 1944 - June 23, 2026

Born February 9, 1944 • Passed away June 23, 2026, at age 82 Earl Harnden, born in Loma Linda, California, passed away peacefully in his home of 37 years, surrounded by the family he cherished. His life was one marked by devotion, to his country, to his work, and to the people he loved.

A committed and steadfast man, Earl spent 24 years in the United States Navy, proudly serving as a Torpedoman Instructor. His career reflected the discipline, loyalty, and quiet strength that defined him. After retiring from the Navy, Earl and his wife, Denora, embarked on new adventures together — from driving a school bus to long haul trucking. They were inseparable in those years, sharing the road, the work, and a deep affection that was evident to everyone who knew them.

In his full retirement, Earl found joy in the simple beauty of home. He loved tending to the house and garden, spending long hours outside on the hillside he adored. He took special delight in watching the birds and planes pass overhead, greeting each moment with the calm appreciation of a man who understood how precious everyday life could be.

Earl is survived by his beloved wife, Denora; his children Holly, Bobby, and Melissa; and his grandchildren Casey, Anna, Joe, Elliot, and Autumn. His presence, his humor, and his unwavering love will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

A service honoring Earl's life will be held at Willamette National Cemetery on Friday, July 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. A celebration of life will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the family home in Amity.



Sheila Ann Elliott-McDonald
April 28, 1950 – April 10, 2026

Sheila Ann Elliott-McDonald, 75, passed away at her home surrounded by family on April 10, 2026, after a long battle with cancer.

Sheila was born on April 28, 1950, in McMinnville, Oregon, and was raised in Sheridan. She graduated from Sheridan High School in 1968 before continuing her education at Chemeketa Community College, where she earned certification as an Activities Director for Long-Term Care in 1993. She later attended George Fox University, graduating in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management. She accomplished these educational milestones while raising her daughter as a single mother, working multiple jobs, and attending school full time.

Sheila worked for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for nearly 20 years before retiring. In retirement, she enjoyed traveling with her siblings and daughter, photographing birds at Baskett Slough, going to the movies, and expressing her creativity through art. She had a passion for gardening and was known for wearing bright colors that reflected her bright personality.

She married James McDonald in 1999 and was widowed a few years later.

Sheila was preceded in death by her parents, Vance St. Clare Elliott and Virginia Rose Beardsley; her loving and funny stepfather, Ivan "Casey" Langley; her husband, James McDonald; her brother, Vance "Skip" Elliott; and her sister, Susan O'Shea.

She is survived by her brother, George Picker; her daughter, Jocelyn Hart; and her grandson, Elliott Cox. Elliott was the light of her life, and she treasured every minute she spent as his Grammy.

A celebration of Sheila's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 19, at the Buell Grange, 5970 Mill Creek Rd, Sheridan.

Buell Grange School Supply Drive

The Buell Grange is accepting donations of school supplies to help support local students and classrooms ahead of the new school year.

Donations can be dropped off during the Buell Grange Market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 11-12 and Aug. 1-2 at 5970 SW Mill Creek Road in Sheridan.

Needed items include pencils, pens, highlighters, lined paper, notebooks, composition books, crayons, markers, colored pencils, hand sanitizer, tissues, and erasers.

Those unable to attend the collection dates can arrange a pickup by contacting Nichole at 971-241-0313.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Fourth of July: A Living Classroom in Willamina

In Willamina, we are fortunate to experience Americana in its most traditional and cherished form. Our Fourth of July celebration is more than just a holiday; it is a vital living classroom for our school-age students. It is one of the few towns that has successfully maintained a unique legacy of tradition and pageantry that honors both our community and its members.

Americana and Community Tradition

The celebration serves as a powerful reminder of the enduring value of being part of a strong, supportive community. The experience is complete with a grand parade that highlights citizens with a deep "legacy" in our town, offering our young people a tangible connection to those who helped build the vibrant spirit we all appreciate today. These long-standing traditions thrive because of a dedicated group of community members who refuse to let them fade, showcasing the importance of community service and ownership.

Lessons in Civic Engagement

Our students have the opportunity to see civic organizations in action as they lead the festivities. For example, local groups like the West Valley Kiwanis host traditional events such as the annual pancake breakfast held right here in the Willamina School District cafeteria. Observing these organizations teaches students that enjoyable community events are the result of significant hard work and collective action.

Historical Reflection and Symbolism

The long weekend provides a unique opportunity to share the historical importance of remembering those who came before us. It is a time to discuss:

- The Land of the Free: What it truly means to live with the liberties we enjoy today.
- The American Flag: Explaining what the red, white, and blue stands for—valor, purity, and justice for all.
- Legacy and Future: How the "Profile of a Learner" we are developing in our schools includes being a responsible, engaged citizen who respects our history.

A Time for Connection

Culminating with a night of fireworks that draws visitors from out of state, the celebration ultimately brings us back to what matters most: friends and family. By stepping away from digital distractions and focusing on genuine human connections and decorum, we help our students grow into the leaders of tomorrow.

I hope your long weekend helped you capture many of these opportunities in our special community, or wherever you celebrated!

Sincerely,

Mike Gass, Superintendent

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City of Willamina Surplus Auction Announced

The City of Willamina has announced it is accepting sealed bids for a variety of surplus equipment through Tuesday, July 14.

A list of available items and additional details can be found on the city's surplus webpage.

A public viewing will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 13 and 14 at the City Shops, 500 SE Adams St., Willamina. Sealed bids and completed bidding forms must be submitted to Willamina City Hall, 411 NE C St., no later than July 14.

Winning bidders must submit payment by 2 p.m. on Friday, July 17.

For more information, contact Jeff Brown at (503) 437-6998.

West Valley All-Church Singalong Set for July 12

The All-Church Singalong has been a regular tradition in the West Valley since the late 1960s, bringing area congregations together every three months to sing and strengthen fellowship. The next singalong date has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, July 12, at the Grand Ronde Methodist Church, 8703 Grand Ronde Rd, in Grand Ronde.

Singalong coordinator Maxine Gayken encourages anyone interested to attend and join in the singing. Special performances, both vocal and instrumental, are welcome, but not required. Churches interested in hosting a future singalong are encouraged to contact her at 971-241-2408.



Willamina Annual Garage Sale Dates Announced

Registration is now open for residents, businesses, and community groups wishing to participate in the 11th annual Willamina Citywide Garage Sale, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25.

Hosted by the Willamina Economic Improvement District, the annual event brings together individual garage sales, group sales, and business sales throughout the community. Participants who register by the deadline will be included on the official sale map, which helps shoppers locate participating locations.

A small registration fee is required to help cover advertising expenses and the cost of producing the sale map.

Registration began on July 6, and forms are available at Willamina City Hall and the Willamina Public Library through July 16.

For additional information, contact Ginny Wymore at ginnywymore@gmail.com.

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New Center Offers Mental Health Support to West Valley

Access to mental health care is now much easier in the West Valley with the opening of the Maluhia Wellness Counseling Center inside Swan Hall, 113 NE Main St., in Willamina. While owner Jennifer Eckels is still completing the credentialing process with several insurance providers, she said she is committed to ensuring cost isn't a barrier for those seeking help. Eckels earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2012. She later worked in hospice, home health, and clinical mental health before opening Maluhia Wellness Counseling Center on May 1, bringing that experience to the West Valley.

The counseling center serves adults ages 18 and older, with Eckels specializing in older adults through her graduate concentration in gerontology. While counseling children and adolescents falls outside her scope of practice, she said families are encouraged to contact her for assistance finding a provider whose training is a better fit. Because Eckels continues to work at the Oregon State Hospital, she does not accept anyone who is currently or has ever been a patient there in order to avoid conflicts of interest. She also does not accept individuals experiencing acute psychosis or actively using illicit substances until they have been medically stabilized, as talk

therapy cannot be effective until that occurs.

Every new client begins with a consultation to meet Eckels, tour the office, and discuss expectations, including confidentiality and professional boundaries in a close-knit community. "I think the biggest thing about doing therapy in a small town is just making sure that people know that confidentiality, ethics, all of that is the basis of me as a clinician," Eckels said. "Nobody will know that you're coming to see me unless you tell them."

Currently credentialed with Providence and Moda, Eckels is awaiting approval from several additional insurance providers. In the meantime, she said clients whose insurance she expects to accept may qualify for a sliding-scale fee, allowing appointments to cost as little as \$20 or the amount of their anticipated co-pay while the credentialing process is completed.

Eckels said opening the counseling center is her way of giving back to the community that welcomed her when she moved to Willamina in 2015. That philosophy extends beyond the counseling center itself. The practice's name, Maluhia, is a Hawaiian phrase meaning "a sense of peace," chosen as a tribute to the University of Hawaii at Ma-

noa, where Eckels earned her master's degree and developed a deep respect for Native Hawaiian culture, an experience she said shaped her perspective. Beginning in 2027, she plans to donate at least 10 percent of the practice's profits to local nonprofit organizations while also supporting Kanu Hawaii, a nonprofit that strengthens Native Hawaiian communities. "Anytime I borrow anything from my education at the University of Hawaii, I give back in some way," Eckels said. "It's a big part of their culture." For Eckels, the counseling center is another way of giving back. "The purpose of this center is not to make money," Eckels said. "It's really just to help people in the community because this is kind of a desert for mental health support. If you don't have insurance, or you feel like you can't afford therapy, contact me because we can work something out. This is not about making money. This is about giving back."

The practice is generally open by appointment from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays through Sundays, with limited weekday appointments available on a case-by-case basis. Maluhia Wellness Counseling Center can be reached at 971-337-6453 or by email at jennifer@maluhiawellnessllc.com.



Jennifer Eckels stands at the entrance to Maluhia Wellness Counseling Center. Eckels opened the counseling practice, providing mental health counseling for adults in the West Valley.



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Fourth of July Competitions Crown Local Champions

Competition remained at the heart of Willamina's Fourth of July celebration as participants of all ages tested their speed, strength, accuracy, and skill throughout the day.

While the annual community 5K kicked off the morning at the Willamina School District campus and the arm wrestling tournament later drew participants to Garden Spot Park, the West Valley Community Campus served as the hub for much of the day's action. The Logging Show, Car Show, and horseshoe tournament attracted entrants from across the Northwest, including members of the Pickens family, who traveled from Nevada and Wyoming. The return of the pole climb after a few years brought back a long-time crowd favorite, while Shane Felton claimed the All-Around Logger title. The top prize was a custom-built STIHL MS 500i R built by Joe Johnson of MFJ SAWS, with cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$150 awarded throughout the competition.

Logging Show Results:

All-Around Logger: 1. Shane Felton, 32 points; 2. Joseph Garza, 29; 3. Brandon Johnson, 26.
Chokerman Race: 1. Joseph Garza, 20.82; 2. Shane Felton, 22.25; 3. Brandon Johnson, 24.80.
Wrapper Toss: 1. Brandon Johnson, 1:32.62; 2. Duke Jackson, 1:42.69; 3. Shane Felton, 1:56.63.
Wrapper Coil: 1. Brandon Johnson, 59.54; 2.

Shane Felton, 1:05.56; 3. Nate Kononov, 1:09.00.
Stock Saw: 1. Nate Kononov, 19.09; 2. Joseph Garza, 19.31; 3. Duke Jackson, 20.31.

Axe Throw: 1. Shane Felton, 11; 2. Brandon Johnson, 9; 3. Joseph Garza, 8.
Obstacle Pole Buck/Pole Snip: 1. Shane Felton, 26.09; 2. Joseph Garza, 33.40; 3. Brandon Johnson, 33.42.
Steeple Chase: 1. Duke Jackson, 26.96; 2. Shane Felton, 27.62; 3. Joseph Garza, 32.54.

Working Class Hot Saw: 1. Shane Felton, 21.81; 2. Duke Jackson, 23.56; 3. Joseph Garza, 30.00.
Open Class Hot Saw: 1. Shane Felton, 27.37; 2. Brandon Johnson, 36.65; 3. Duke Jackson, 40.71.
Pole Climb: 1. Andrew Baker, 21.00; 2. Rylen Shelton, 31.18; 3. Duke Jackson, 31.21.

Youth Competitions: Kids Chokerman Race (6-9): 1. Micah, 24.81; 2. Kylee, 27.78; 3. Greyson, 34.90. Kids Chokerman Race (10-13): 1. Blake, 9.75; 2. Blaine, 17.22; 3. Brynlee, 40.85. Kids Hard Hat Toss: 1. Kylee; 2. Greyson; 3. Micah.

Women's Chokerman Race: 1. Madison Ross, 15.25; 2. Zoe Lehman, 18.76; 3. Jessica Lowe, 20.94.

Other competitions also recognized outstanding performances throughout the day.

5K Results:

Boys 18 and Under: 1. Zachery Dauvin, 18:53; 2. Eden Stanton; 3. Abel Monroe.

Girls 18 and Under: 1. Libby

Warnicke; 2. Lili Monroe; 3. Ad-dley Condon.

Men 19 and Over: 1. Don Henley; 2. Tyler Heidt; 3. Izak Monroe.

Women 19 and Over: 1. Santamaria Osborn; 2. Zoe Brewer; 3. Staci Monroe.

Horseshoe Tournament:

Champions: Tim Whitman and Adolph. Second: Rich Haller and Sean Kyllonen. Third: Greg and Chad Leno. Reece Ebensteiner recorded the tournament's most double ringers.

The annual Car Show attracted entries from across Oregon. Robert Fisk traveled from Medford and earned three awards, taking Best of the '30s, Longest Distance, and Ladies' Choice.

Car Show Awards:

Year Classes: Pre-'30s, Tina Hammond; '30s, Robert Fisk; '40s, No Award; '50s, Ron Buckner; '60s, Chris Poh; '70s, Marial Broons; '80s, Boe Hutchins; '90s, Orrin Reid; 2000 & Newer, Teresa Canory.

Special Awards: Best 4x4, Alisha Parkshell; Wildest Ride, David Poh; Best Paint, Alfie Perish; Kids' Choice, Wilson Bobb; Special Interest, Ron and Sally Shenk; People's Choice, Randy Pope; Ladies' Choice, Robert

Fisk; Club Participation, Josh Whiting; Under Construction, Francis Eddy; Longest Distance, Robert Fisk; Favorite Pickup, Steve Hampton; Best Rat Rod, Don Cranfill; Best of Show: Jan Cupton-DeHon.

The annual arm wrestling tournament rounded out the day's competitions at Garden Spot Park, drawing participants and spectators for another test of strength during the holiday celebration.



Pickens waves to the crowd after completing the pole climb during the Willamina Fourth of July Logging Show



Shane Felton powers through the Working Class Hot Saw event during the Willamina Fourth of July Logging Show. Felton captured the All-Around Logger title during the competition.



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At Willamina's Coyote Joe's Restaurant and Lounge, Lights,

The cameras had already stopped rolling. "That's a good burger," streaming series host Luis Rivera said, looking down at Coyote Joe's signature Coyote Burger. Requiring both hands to operate, the towering burger drew another smile—and another bite. "That's a good burger," he repeated, wiping off his chin be-

fore finally forcing himself to set it down, drawing a few laughs from those nearby. Around the staff and filming crew, however, lunch hadn't slowed midway through the day's shoot. Earlier that morning, filming had begun with the chicken fried steak breakfast and rib-eye steak dinner. Darrel Tisdell prepared each dish while describing every

step for the cameras. As order tickets continued rolling from the printer, customers watched a national production unfold in the middle of downtown Willamina. For a few hours on June 30, Coyote Joe's wasn't simply serving lunch—it had become the set for an upcoming episode of America's Best Restaurants Roadshow, a national se-

ries showcasing independently owned restaurants. Service slowed as cameras temporarily took over the kitchen, but customers patiently waited for their meals, visited with neighbors, and watched the behind-the-scenes process unfold, happy to support a local business while embracing the experience rather than worrying



Coyote Joe's co-owners Chris DePrimo (back left) and Danielle Volman (left) present a \$3,542 donation to members of the Willamina Fourth of July Committee outside the restaurant on July 4.



Luis Rivera (center), host of America's Best Restaurants Roadshow, reacts after taking a bite of Coyote Joe's signature Coyote Burger as Darrel Tisdell looks on during filming on June 30.



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Ceiling fundraiser donations cover the pool table after being removed from Coyote Joe's ceiling during the restaurant's annual Fourth of July fundraiser.

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about the delay.

While the show's videographer captured close-up shots of the featured meals, Rivera stepped away for a Facebook Live update. Before announcing the winners of two \$25 Coyote Joe's gift certificates, he described the restaurant as "it's got multiple themes... three different rooms with three different set-ups... completely different vibes in each one," before teasing what he called a "monstrosity of a burger."

Heading back to the kitchen, Rivera watched as the towering Coyote Burger came to life before taking his first bites right beside the grill. Judging by what happened after the cameras stopped rolling, one taste wasn't enough. Stepping around to the other side of the pass-through window, Rivera happily grabbed the burger again and posed, taking a bite while giving the local news photographers a better angle and possibly an excuse to enjoy another bite of the "monstrosity of a burger."

Before Rivera and co-owner Chris DePrimo settled into a booth for their interview, the featured meals made one final stop in front of the camera. Plates were wiped spotless, ingredients adjusted, and hidden tricks of the trade—even something as simple as a jam packet tucked beneath part of a plate—helped angle each dish perfectly for the lighting and lens before reaching the tasting table.

During the interview, DePrimo shared the restaurant's story while explaining that the kitchen cuts about 40 pounds of prime rib each day, which is used for both its popular chicken fried steaks and rib-eye dinners.

After the booth interview wrapped up, the crew moved into the restaurant's bar area to record the closing segment. With the final takes complete, the cameras were packed away and Coyote Joe's returned to serving customers. Looking back the following day, DePrimo said everyone took the delays in stride, with many customers spending the extra time catching up with friends and neighbors.

The next morning, camera tripods and microphone booms gave way to brooms, mop handles, and step stools beneath the bar's ceiling covered in thumbtacked bills.

Just three months into their ownership of Coyote Joe's,

co-owners Chris DePrimo and Danielle Vollman introduced a fundraiser to help support Willamina's Fourth of July celebration. What started with customers pinning dollar bills to the ceiling quickly became a tradition, with everything from single-dollar bills to crisp \$100 notes accumulating overhead over the months.

With brooms, mop handles, plenty of laughter, and watchful steps to avoid the growing carpet of thumb-tacks covering the floor—quietly emphasizing the "No Shoes, No Service" policy—Chris, Danielle, and staff member Nathan Ingram worked their way across the dining room as bills fluttered through the air like confetti, covering tables and gliding gently to the floor while thumbtacks bounced and skittered in every direction before the money was gathered on the pool table for counting, revealing months of community generosity one bill at a time.

A few moments after the last bill had hit the floor, a customer walked through the door and handed Danielle a \$20 bill. Within moments, it was thumbtacked to the ceiling, quietly kicking off the next round of fundraising before this year's effort had officially come to an end.

The fundraising efforts culminated on the Fourth of July as Coyote Joe's welcomed visitors for music, \$2 hot dogs, \$2 slices of pizza, cold drinks, and the

grill raffle. The staff embraced the holiday, trading their usual attire for red, white, and blue while helping keep the celebration going throughout the afternoon. Although Jacob Tucker wasn't present for the drawing, a quick phone call let him know he had won the grill.

Combined with approximately \$1,040 raised during Jazz Night last November, roughly \$1,400 collected through the ceiling fundraiser, and the remaining funds generated through the Fourth of July barbecue, raffle, and other fundraising efforts, Coyote Joe's presented a \$3,542 check to the Willamina Fourth of July Committee to help fund the community's annual fireworks display.

With the television shoot complete and another successful Fourth of July celebration in the books, Coyote Joe's could finally settle back into its normal rhythm while awaiting the release of its national television debut.

The Coyote Joe's episode of America's Best Restaurants Roadshow is expected to be released in approximately eight to 12 weeks via the show's social media channels before being shared on Coyote Joe's Facebook page. By then, another round of thumbtacked dollar bills will likely be collecting overhead as fundraising begins for next year's celebration.



Danielle Vollman (left) uses a wooden pole to thumbtack the first dollar bill to Coyote Joe's ceiling for next year's Fourth of July fundraiser as co-owner Chris DePrimo looks on.



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Word Scramble

Use the letters and clues below to unscramble the words related to Cow Appreciation Day (July 14). Place the letters from the circles on the dashes at the bottom to solve the last remaining word.

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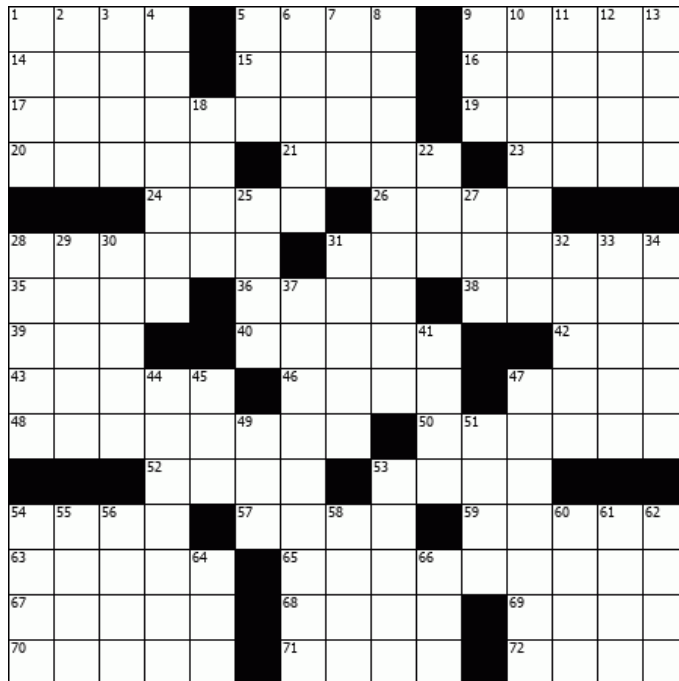
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Music, Parade, Proud, Spirit,
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Across

1. Capri or Man
5. Carbonated drink
9. Scout unit
14. Not shut
15. Prayer ending
16. Mysterious
17. Goof off (2 wds.)
19. CIA employee
20. Purple flower
21. Twitches
23. Requests
24. Flagmaker Betsy ____
26. Clock face
28. Mother ____
31. Jim ____ of The Doors
35. Enthusiastic
36. Ruckus
38. Manly
39. Children's game
40. Small bay
42. Edible grain
43. Proclamation
46. Short race
47. Angry
48. Savior
50. Revised
52. Film holder
53. Observed
54. Much (2 wds.)
57. ____ Marie Presley
59. Smooth
63. Lawful
65. Block off
67. Singer ____ Osmond
68. Easter flower
69. Again
70. Used money
71. Different
72. Pull apart



Down

1. Dubuque's locale
2. Health clubs
3. "____ we forget"
4. Went in
5. Perched
6. Leaves out
7. ____ Moore of "G.I. Jane"
8. Amusing stories
9. Brewed drink
10. Decorative clothing
11. Mineral deposits
12. Pig's sound
13. Cherished animals
18. Greek deity
22. Man's title
25. Mumbai dress
27. Biceps site
28. Starchy veggie (sl.)
29. Escape
30. Firm
31. Grinding tooth
32. Scram!
33. Chicago's airport
34. Famous
37. Impossible to erase
41. Those folks
44. Sure
45. Golf gizmo
47. Motorcycle adjunct
49. Actor ____ Gibson
51. Sub shop
53. English noblemen
54. Gifts to charity
55. Bound
56. Bogeyman
58. Leave port
60. Barn ornament
61. Genesis locale
62. Bawdy
64. Lease
66. Bread type

Horoscopes July 8-14

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

There is nothing that you cannot handle this week, Aries. Expect to juggle a lot at the same time, but somehow you make it look easy. A calm demeanor is a big asset.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

This week will be fairly quiet for you, Taurus. You are likely to connect with a task and dig down deep until it is completed. If someone tries to persuade you to take a break, you likely won't.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Many forces are working together to provide insight, Gemini. Take a step back and consider all of the variables in play. The solution may be simpler than you can imagine.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, there is no time for day-dreaming right now. You will be tasked with managing multiple projects in the days ahead. Remain focused.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Are you getting pummeled by obstacles, Leo? It could be that you need to set aside more time to yourself to complete the tasks expected of you. You also may need to ask for help.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, an ability to communicate clearly is among your most notable assets. If you have thoughts about explaining your ideas to others, keep reinforcing your goals.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, your projects will take some time to set up. A patient approach will pay off as results begin to materialize. Your ability to multi-task will drive you forward.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Life isn't an individual sport, Scorpio. You don't have to do everything alone. Interact with others as much as you can this week.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, when a person has found his or her path, naturally the desire is to start walking down it. You are eager to get started on something that has been on your mind.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, keep an open mind so you can discover new experiences. You don't have to completely reinvent yourself, but make a concerted effort to be open to new ideas.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

The horizon is clear and you have all of the information you need to navigate what life is throwing at you right now, Aquarius. Keep the faith that you are on the right path.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, share your experiences and feelings with someone close to you. Let your feelings out and express your gratitude to the person who lends a listening ear.

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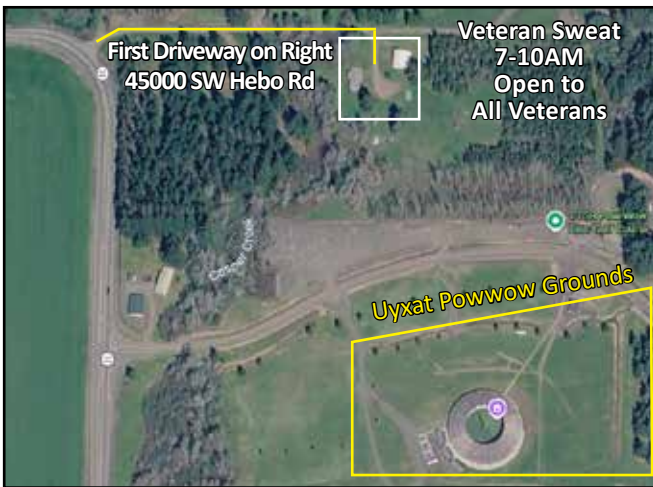
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Danish Foreign Student Due

Sheridan High School will have its first foreign exchange student next year.

Erling Skovdal, 17-year-old student from Denmark, will arrive in Sheridan the latter part of August for the 1964-65 school year, according to Mrs. Fern Eberhart, chairman of the Sheridan American Field Service chapter, which is sponsoring his stay in this country.

The young, handsome Dane will take up residence with his American "foster parents," Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lyon, at their home at 735 S. W. Mill street. He will attend Sheridan High as a member of the senior class with Mark Lyon, also a senior, and Valerie Lyon, who will be a junior, his "adopted" brother and sister.

Erling, still at his home in Hong, Denmark, a community somewhat smaller than Sheridan, has been receiving scenes and pictures of Sheridan High, the city and the surrounding area from the Lyon family and from a hospitality committee of students he will get to know in the coming school year. Each representing an area of interest mentioned in his letter of application to come to this country through American Field Service exchange student program are these Sheridan High students: Marilyn Bride, Diane Ridgeway, Verne Lochner, Eddie Munson and Lloyd Palmer.

Approximately two weeks prior to the opening of school, young Skovdal will arrive by train in Portland, where he will be met by the Lyon family, members of the hospitality committee and representatives from the local AFS chapter.



Farmers Are Entitled To Gasoline Tax Refund

Yamhill County farmers are entitled to claim refunds each year for the federal excise tax on gasoline used on a farm for farming purposes, according to Hugh J. Hickerson, Yamhill county extension agent.

Refund for the gasoline tax applied for now is for the fiscal year from July 1, 1963 to the following June 30, 1964. Forms for applying for the refund are now available through the county extension office, courthouse, McMinnville.

Any owner, tenant or operator of a farm who buys gasoline for use on his farm is eligible to claim a refund, Hickerson said. The refund amounts to four cents on each gallon of gasoline used on a farm for farming purposes

during the 12 month period beginning July 1 and ending the following June 30. Completed claim forms are sent to the office of District Director of Internal Revenue. Claims can be filed after June 30 but not later than September 30.

Farmers should have sufficient records to enable the Internal Revenue Service to verify the accuracy of the amount claimed, Hickerson said.

Diesel fuel and special motor fuels are also given relief on federal excise taxes that are used on a farm for farming purposes, he said.

Juvenile Trio Admits Local Cafe Break-Ins

Three Sheridan teenagers - 16, 15 and 13 - have admitted a total of five break-ins at the Snack Bar in the Sheridan hotel on South Bridge street, according to city police.

According to Chief Harry Hayes, the trio entered the restaurant the last time on Sunday, June 28, and this led to their apprehension. The chief said entrance was gained by slipping a knife through the door and depressing the lock catch.

Ringleader of the trio, officers said, was the 15-year-old, who had entered the cafe five times after he discovered the ease with which the locked door could be opened. The 16-year-old had then gone with him on three excursions, while the 13-year-old boy was taken along on the last two entries.

Taken from the Snack Bar, according to Mrs. Hedwig Gutbrod, owner, were candy, gum and cigarettes. She told officers these items had been missed over a period of time, but the boys cleaned the cafe shelf of all cigarettes and candy on their last break-in.

Instrumental in solving the case, now pending action in Yamhill County Juvenile court, with Chief Hayes were officers Bill Woodall and Bruce Brickell, he reported. Some cigarettes were recovered from the boys.

Police still are working on the break-in June 21 at the Firestation, where thieves broke into the cigarette machine and the juke box.

Rink Closes Sat. Skating

Skating on Saturday nights at the Sheridan American Legion skating facility has been canceled until further notice, but the rink, located at the Legion hall, still will be in operation Friday nights, Legion officials have announced.

According to Gil Ogden and Fred Wirts, supervised skating Friday nights at the facility will be continued. They pointed out the Legion rink is available at nearly any time for groups and organizations which wish to hold skate parties. To make arrangements for a skating party at the rink interested persons should telephone Ogden at Sheridan 843-4621 or 843-4112, while Wirts may be contacted at 843-2821.



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Thursday, July 16th (4:00pm - 7:00pm)

Sheridan City Park: 601 NE Yamhill St,
Sheridan, OR 97378

Thursday, August 20th (4:00pm - 7:00pm)

Discovery Meadows Park: 1300 SW Cypress Ln,
McMinnville, OR 97128

- *Free raffle with prizes given every 30 minutes*
- *Access to local community resources*
- *Newberg and Sheridan families can enjoy a refreshing Sandwich meal*
- *McMinnville families will be provided a delicious meal by a proud sponsor of the YCCO Early Learning Family Picnics, Mama Gordita's Kitchen, from Dallas, OR*



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